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The Honorable Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

This letter is written to request favorable consideration of the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks. Based on information provided to me, I believe the merged company, New Charter, would promote business development, support the development of broadband, and continue to lead in innovation. As a result, New Charter would compel its competitors, likewise, to make product and customer care improvements.

It is my understanding New Charter would introduce a basement broadband speed of 60 Mbps, enough to allow several people to stream on multiple devices at the same time, and with the ultra-fast ceiling speed of 300 Mbps, customers of all variety would find the right bandwidth for their needs. It is further my understanding New Charter have no modem fees, data caps or usage-based billing for any customer on any plan. This is a significant commitment that upholds the important but increasingly fragile policy of network neutrality. Network neutrality ensures the Internet remains free and open to all. It benefits individuals and businesses and is a vital component to success for many small businesses that rely on online traction.

I am impressed with New Charter's range of broadband products and commitment to network neutrality and hope, based on the impact of these benefits, the merger will be approved.

Sincerely,

Douglas Overbey State Senator